

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title as follows:

--DISK DRIVE UNIT AND INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE
HAVING A SCRATCH PREVENTING MEMBER--

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following rewritten Abstract which appears on a separate sheet.

~~Please~~ replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Many [[of]] conventional information processing devices employ disk drive units such as a DVD-ROM drive unit and a CD-ROM drive unit which can be automatically inserted and discharged, and a disk insertion and discharge slot of a DVD-ROM drive unit is in many cases mounted with a panel for a drive unit unique to a manufacturer.--

~~Please~~ replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 19, bridging pages 1 and 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--When a new disk medium whose outer peripheral portion is too roughly finished ~~to make the~~ with a coarse edge [[sandy]] is inserted into a conventional DVD-ROM drive unit which can be automatically inserted and discharged, there occurs a case where the disk is caught by a felt member for dust prevention/~~blindfolding~~ concealment provided in the vicinity of a disk insertion and discharge slot when the disk pushes to open and pass through a slit of the felt member. Then, there is a

case where catching resistance between the disk and the felt member is larger than medium discharging force of the DVD-ROM drive unit and in this case, the disk will not be discharged but return into the drive unit again or it will stop halfway.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 23, bridging pages 2 and 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--According to the first aspect of the invention, a disk drive unit with which a disk medium is to be mounted for access, wherein

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in the vicinity of a disk insertion and discharge slot of a panel into and from which the disk medium is inserted and discharged, a felt member for ~~blindfolding~~ concealment is provided which has a slit for insertion of the disk medium along a longitudinal direction of the discharge slot, and

a plurality of slits are provided for every predetermined interval in a direction perpendicular to the slit of the felt member.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--According to the third aspect of the invention, in a disk drive unit with which a disk medium is to be mounted for access, a panel structure having a disk insertion and discharge slot into and from which the disk medium is inserted and discharged, wherein

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in the vicinity of the disk insertion and discharge slot of a panel into and from which the disk medium is inserted and discharged, a felt member for blindfolding concealment is provided which has a slit for insertion of the disk medium along a longitudinal direction of the discharge slot, and

a plurality of slits are provided for every predetermined interval in a direction perpendicular to the slit of the felt member.--

Please replace ~~the~~ paragraph beginning at page 6, line 18, bridging pages 6 and 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--According to another aspect of the invention, an information processing device having a disk drive unit with which a disk medium is to be mounted for access, wherein

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in the vicinity of a disk insertion and discharge slot of a panel in the disk drive unit into and from which the disk medium is inserted and discharged, a felt member for blindfolding concealment is provided which has a slit for insertion of the disk medium along a longitudinal direction of the discharge slot, and

a plurality of slits are provided for every predetermined interval in a direction perpendicular to the slit of the felt member.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figs. 1 to [9] 4, 6, 7 and 9 are views showing a structure of a first embodiment of a disk drive unit according to the present invention. Shown in these figures is a disk drive unit 2 having a cloth member (felt member) 4 for blindfolding concealment disposed in the vicinity of a disk insertion and discharge slot 3 through which a disk medium 1 such as a DVD-ROM disk is inserted and discharged into and from the disk drive unit 2 and having a slit 5 provided in the felt member 4 through which slit the disk medium 1 is inserted in the longitudinal direction of the discharge slot 3, in which a plurality of slits 6 are disposed for every predetermined interval in a direction perpendicular to the slit 5.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The disk drive unit according to the first embodiment, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, includes the patch 10 for preventing scratches of the disk medium 1 such as a DVD-ROM disk on which patch the convex portion 9 is formed, the felt member 4 for dust prevention/blindfolding concealment, an operation button 13 for discharging the disk medium 1 and a panel 14 for incorporating these components.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 23, bridging pages 13 and 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Fig. 3 is an expanded view of the felt member 4 for dust prevention/~~blindfolding~~ concealment. The felt member 4 includes the long horizontal slit 5 for disk insertion and the plurality of vertical slits 6 perpendicular to the horizontal slit 5 and is attached to the back surface of the disk insertion and discharge slot 3 of the panel 14 by a double adhesive tape.--

Please replace ~~the~~ paragraph beginning at page 14, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The purpose of the provision of the vertical slits 6 provided in the felt member 4 is to facilitate falling of the felt member 4 toward the moving direction of the disk medium 1 and to make catching resistance between the disk medium 1 and the felt member 4 be smaller than the medium discharging force of the DVD-ROM disk drive unit when the disk medium 1 pushes to open and pass through the horizontal slit 5 of the felt member 4. It is clear that provision of the vertical slits 6 will not spoil dust prevention and ~~blindfolding~~ concealment effects.--

Please replace ~~the~~ paragraph beginning at page 16, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--When the felt member 4 turns over at the outer periphery of the disk medium 1, because of a combination with a new medium which makes the outer periphery (edge) sandy coarse, the sandy coarse part and the turned over part cause frictional resistance to result such that the coarse part catches on the felt. [[in]] In some cases [[in]] that catch of the disk medium

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1 and the felt member 4 becomes larger than medium discharging force, causing such troubles as described above to occur.--
